

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A scanner comprising:

a casing;

5 a scanning module installed inside the casing for scanning a document and generating corresponding image data;

a control unit installed in the casing, the control unit comprising at least a memory for storing a control program and the image data generated from the scanning module, and

10 a processor for executing the control program to control the operations of the scanner; and

an output port installed on the casing and electrically connected to the control unit for connecting to a portable storage device disposed outside the casing of the scanner,

15 wherein the scanner acts as a master device and treats the portable storage device as a slave device;

wherein when the scanning module finishes scanning a document, the control unit converts the image data of the document according to the type of storage device that is connected to the output port and then directly transmits the image data converted by the control unit to the storage device without the need of a host to control image data transmission.

25 Claim 2 (original): The scanner of claim 1 wherein the output port is connected to a printer, and when the scanning module finishes scanning a document, the control unit prints out the image data of the document via the printer.

30 Claim 3 (original): The scanner of claim 2 wherein the control program first identifies the type of storage device connected to the output port, and then controls the transmission of the image

data of the document according to the said type.

Claim 4 (original): The scanner of claim 1 wherein the scanner further comprises a connecting port installed on the casing and electrically connected to the control unit for connecting to a computer, and when the scanning module finishes scanning the document, the control unit transmits the image data of the document to the computer for further processing via the connecting port.

Claim 5 (original): The scanner of claim 1 wherein the portable storage device is a hard drive or a floppy drive or a writable optical drive.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A scanner comprising:  
a casing;  
a scanning module installed inside the casing for scanning a document and generating corresponding image data;  
a control unit installed in the casing, the control unit comprising at least a memory for storing a control program and the image data generated from the scanning module, and a processor for executing the control program to control the operations of the scanner;  
an output port installed on the casing and electrically connected to the control unit for connecting to an external portable storage device, wherein the scanner acts as a master device and treats the external portable storage device as a slave device; and  
a printer port electrically connected to the control unit for connecting to an external printer;  
wherein when the scanning module finishes scanning a document, the control unit converts the image data of the document and then directly transmits the image data converted by the

control unit to the storage device via the output port  
without the need of a host to control image data transmission,  
or converts the image data of the document and then transmits  
the image data converted by the control unit to the printer  
5 via the printer port for printing.

10 Claim 7 (original): The scanner of claim 6 wherein the scanner  
further comprises a connecting port installed on the casing and  
electrically connected to the control unit for connecting to a  
computer, and when the scanning module finishes scanning the  
document, the control unit transmits the image data of the document  
to the computer for further processing via the connecting port.

15 Claim 8 (original): The scanner of claim 6 wherein the portable  
storage device is a hard drive or a floppy drive or a writable  
optical drive.